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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers of Rajasthan and Haryana have reduced the production of guar this year due to poor returns and lack of demand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the corrective steps taken by the Government to address the problems;

(c) whether the profitability of guar production has fallen down in recent years, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate remunerative prices to the guar farmers for their produce so as to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The area and production of guar has declined during 2016-17 in Rajasthan and Haryana on account of weak global demand. The production of guar in Rajasthan and Haryana has declined during 2016-17 by 798.83 thousand tonnes and 97 thousand tonnes respectively. Oversupply of crude oil in the world market has led to near halving of oil drilling activities and development of alternate new molecule for drilling activities has led to reduction of demand of guar gum in western countries affecting its profitability.

The Government has developed high yielding varieties of guar for cultivation during kharif and summer season. Also, the Organization of front line demonstrations has been taken up to popularize high yielding varieties and matching crop management technologies among farmers.

(d): For agricultural and horticultural commodities like guar which are not covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP), Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on request of State / UT Government in order to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop when the prices tend to fall below the economic level/cost of production.

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